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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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DTH SERVICE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide 40 free channel DTH service ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the name of the channels with whom the Government has signed any contract ; and

(d) the percentage of population likely to be benefited after the implementation of said proposal ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): The Government had in November, 2003, permitted Prasar Bharati to use satellite distribution technology in KU band frequency for Doordarshan`s bouquet of 20 channels and 10 channels of private broadcasters, in free to air mode.

(c) : Prasar Bharati is yet to sign agreement with any private channels.

(d) : KU band transmission signal can be received through out the country except Andaman & Nicobar islands with a small sized dish antenna system. The project is expected to meet the requirements of remote and hitherto uncovered areas in specific states/areas.